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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Presentation on Microsoft's Michigan Partners in Learning Program

In 2004, Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm announced the Michigan Partners in Learning partnership to strengthen the state's capacity to develop successful 21st century educators and learners. Michigan was one of four key states selected by Microsoft to develop projects that would benefit not only the state but would also be replicable across the country.

The Michigan Department of Education was pleased to be the state agency that worked with our Microsoft partner. Two key projects have resulted from this partnership: MI-LIFE (Michigan Leadership Improvement Framework Endorsement) and CareerForward. Mary Cullinane, United States Director of Innovation and Business Development for Microsoft Education Group, and Allyson Knox, Academic Program Manager, will share partnership and programmatic impact data with the Board.

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